areas and 4.30 lakh units in urban areas. Under the two million housing programme, the targets and achievements are given below:-

1998-99 (in lakh)

Target-Urban	Achievement		Target-Rural	Achievement	
HUDCO	4.00	4.30	HUDCO	6.00	6.35
Cooperatives	1.00	0.74	Indira Awas	9.87	8.36
HFIs	1.50	1.36	Yojana		
Other sources	0.50	0.17			
TOTAL	7.00	6.57			

Through these programmes, housing targets are expected to be substantially met.

The State-wise and urban/rural-wise achievements by Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO), Cooperative Housing Federations and Indira Awas Yojana during 1998-99 are given in Annexure. [*See Appendix* 188, *Annexure No.* 22]

(d) Accordingly to the National Agenda for Governance, two Million additional housing units are to be constructed every year. HUDCO, National Housing Bank through its 28 HFIs and Apex Cooperative Housing Federation under National Cooperative Housing Federation are financing this programme and targets are expected to be substantially met during 1999-2000.

Allotment of Basement space to Group Housing Societies

618. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enormous built up basement space, allotted to members of DDA Group Housing Cooperative Societies,

including the Delhi Group Housing Society, around Patparganj Depot, has been lying unused and locked up, for 8 to 10 years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not handing over possession respective members; and

(c) what steps have been taken to resolve the issues and to ensure handing over possession to allottee members?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that as per policy/Building Bye-laws, the basement is meant for common parking and services and the same is not allotted to any individual member. It is the responsibility of the Management Committee of each Society to ensure that the basement is used only for bonafide purposes.

So far as the Delhi Cooperative Group Housing Society is concerned, the basement of the said Society was sealed by the DDA on account of unauthorised construction during the period when the area was within the jurisdiction of the DDA. Now, the area stands transferred to the MCD w.e.f. 26.11.1997. Accordingly, the relevant records of the building activities of the said Society have been transferred to the MCD.

Besides the above, a general reference has been made to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of NCT of Delhi stating that the basements constructed by various Cooperative Group Housing Societies are not being put to the prescribed use. As such, they should take further necessary action to prevent the misuse of the basements meant for common parking and services for the members of the respective Cooperative Group Housing Society.

Improvement of slums in Metro Cities

619. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister for URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of action taken to develop and improve conditions of slums in metropolitan cities to save the entire urban population from health hazard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): The problem of slum dwellers has been engaging the attention of the Government since the second Five Year Plan. Consequently, in 1956